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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Applicant: Smutney, et al.

Application Number: 09/757,138

Filing Date: January 9, 2001

Title: BLUNTABLE NEEDLE ASSEMBLY
WITH OPEN-ENDED BLUNTING
PROBE

Examiner Name: Roz Maiorino

Group Art Unit: 3763

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- (X) Amendment
- (X) Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- (X) Return Postcard

2. Fees:

- (x) RCE fee (\$770 large entity)
- (X) Extension of Time fee:
- (X) One Month (\$110)

3. Payment:

- (X) Check in the amount of \$880 to cover the above fees.

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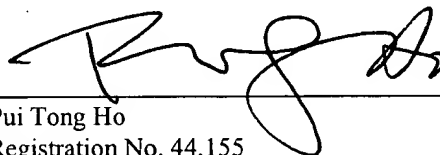
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